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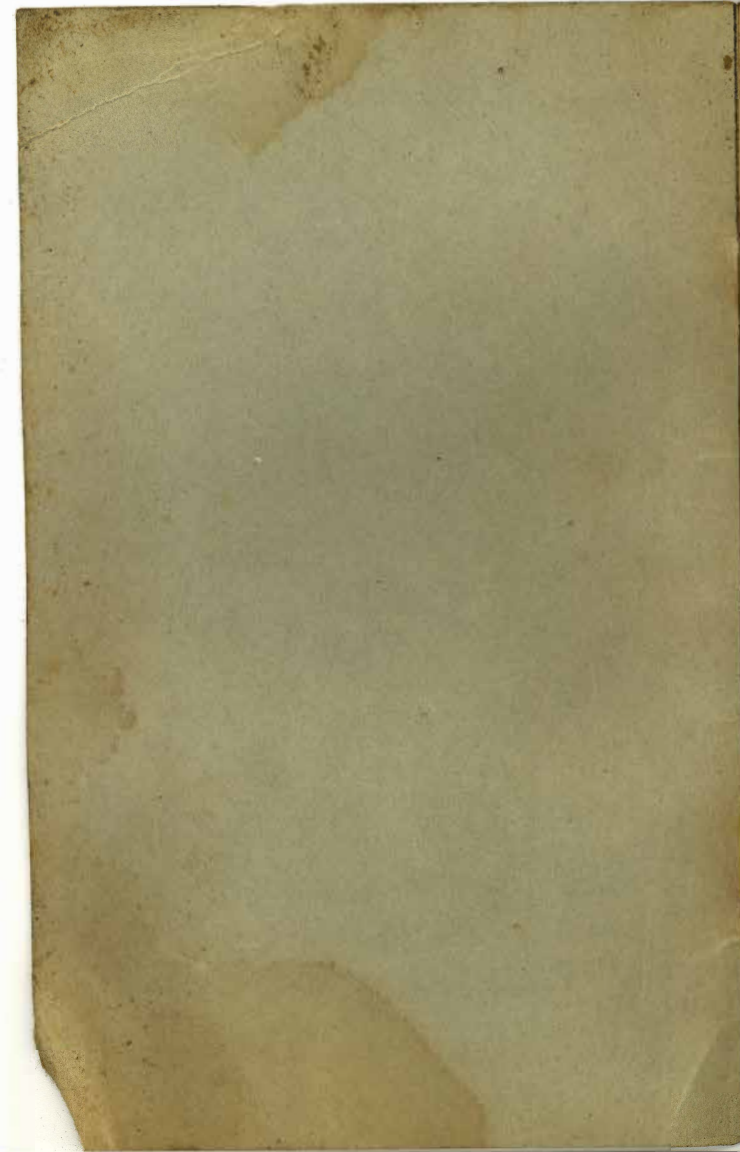


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## FRIDAY MORNING

Services introduced by Elder B. W. Craft, and prayer by Elder A. J. Stephens. Then came Elder Lon Childers and preached the introductory sermon from 8th chapter of St. John, and 47th verse: "He that is of God heareth God's Word."

2. Delegates from sister churches composing New Hope Association assembled at the school-house and a short exhortation by Elder Alex Stephens, and prayer by same, after which Rules of Decorum were read and a strict compliance to same was admonished by Elder B. W. Craft, Moderator.

3. Appointed to keep order while the Association is assembled, to-wit: Bill Kazee, Bro. Mitchell Smith, Bill Hackworth and J. C. Rose.

4. By move and second, brothers, to-wit: Elder F. F. Smith, Roy Childers, G. W. Goodman were chosen to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order.

5. Letters from sister churches composing New Hope Association called for, read and received, and delegates seated as New Hope Association, to-wit:

Sugar Loaf—Elder A. J. Wright, Elder Lon Childers, Bro Jim McSearlie were delegates.

Prestonsburg—Elder A. J. Stephens, Bro. Newt Shepherd, Bro. Roe Green were delegates.

East Point—Elder S. J. Johnson, Bro. G. W. Price, Elder J.D.Music were delegates.

Chestnut Grove—Bro. Wash Miller, Bro. Tommie Prater, Bro. Milt Holbrook were delegates.

Little Union—Elder T. J. Smith, Bro. B. W.

Bentley, Bro. Jim Childers were delegates.

New Hope—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder W. M. Hall, Elder Alex Stephens were delegates.

6. By voice of named delegates present, Elder B. W. Craft was elected Moderator and Elder Wm. Hall, assistant, and Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk, for the ensuing year.

7. Called for new churches and received none.

8. Called for correspondent letters and received as follows:

Paint Union—by the hands of Elder Frank Armes, Elder Sandy Phillips. Letters received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Iron Hill—by the hands of Elder J. A. Hughes, Elder Alonzo Wright. Letter received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Clive—by the hands of Elder Wm. Cook, Elder W. C. Clark. Letter received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Zion—by the hands of Elder Leonard Walters, Elder Lafe Preston, Elder Leonard Arrowood. Letter received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Mt. Zion—by Bro. Jake Sutton, Bro. Orlando Richie. No letter. Messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem—by the hands of Elder Nelson Hughes, Elder Sammie Nelson. Letter received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.



10. The following brethren were appointed to write corresponding letters to correspondent Associations:

Elder Wm. Hall, to Paint Union.

Elder A. J. Wright, to Olive.

Elder T. J. Smith to Mt. Zion.

Elder S. J. Thompson, to Iron Hill.

Elder Lon Childers, to Zion.

Elder A. J. Stephens, to Bethlehem.

11. Committee on the Bill of Arrangements for tomorrow—Saturday—Elder Wm. Hall, Elder T. J. Smith, Elder A. J. Wright, together with the Moderator and clerk.

12. Moved to adjourn until 9 a. m. tomorrow, Saturday.

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### SATURDAY MORNING, 9. a. m.

New Hope Association assembled at the school-house and sang Zion's songs, and an exhortation by Elder Sandy Phillips, and prayer by Elder B. W. Craft.

2. Roll called and a quorum present.

3. Bill of arrangements read and received and committee discharged.

4. Letters to correspondent associations read and received and messengers appointed to bear same:

Paint Union—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder T. J. Smith, Elder Alex Stephens, when convoked with the State Road church, Magoffin county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1937.

Iron Hill—T. J. Smith, Elder Wm. Hall, Elder

Frank McGuire, when convened with the Eloise Church, Lawrence county, Ky., on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1937.

Olive—Elder A. J. Stephens, Elder F. F. Smith, Bro. Geo. Goodman, when convened with the Lenore church, Pike county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1938.

Mt. Zion—Bro. Bill Shepherd, Bro. Roy Childers, Elder T. J. Smith, when convened with the Montgomery church, Knott county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1937.

Bethlehem—Elder J. D. Music, Bro. A. G. Holbrook, Bro. Wash Holbrook, when convened with Bethel church, Wayne county, W. Va., to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1937.

Zion—Elder Lon Childers, Bro. Geo. Price, Elder Wm. Hall, when convened with the Little Friendship church, Johnson county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1937.

Moved and seconded that New Hope Association agree to receive back into its fellowship New Life church, Clear Creek church, Cynthia Ann church by acknowledging to it and its correspondent, as to the following A. E. McCoy.

6. Our next conference will be held with Chestnut Grove church, Magoffin county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1938, and Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Wm. Hall and Elder Alex Stephens attend same.

7. Our next union meeting will be held with Pres-

tonsburg church, Floyd county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1938, Elder Lon Childers, Elder B. W. Craft and Elder Alex Stephens attend same.

8. By report of our last conference, our next association will be held with East Point church, Johnson county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1938, and the two following days.

9. By voice of New Hope Association Elder Alex Stephens will preach the introductory sermon at our next Association, and Elder Wm. Hall be his alternate.

10. Treasurer Elder Alex Stephens reports on hand .....	\$ 2.55
Received August 28, 1937.....	23.10

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Total .....	\$ 25 95
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11. Moved to have 500 copies of minutes printed and that the clerk superintend same and distribute to the sister churches.

12. By voice of delegates, Elder R. D. Holbrook introduce services tomorrow, Sunday, August 29, 1937; Elder Nelson Hughes preach, Elder Frank Armes preach next.

13. Tenders of thanks to Little Union church and the vicinity at large for their loving kindness rendered to New Hope Association and its correspondent messengers while in session. May the blessings of God rest upon all of you. This done and signed by order of New Hope Association.

ELDER B. W. CRAFT, Moderator.



ELDER WM. HALL, Assistant  
ELDER ALEX STEPHENS, Clerk

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### SUNDAY MORNING

A large crowd and the delegates met at Little Union church, singing Zion's songs, and Elder R. D. Holbrook introduced and prayed. Then came Elder Nelson Hughes and preached. His text was, "God so loved the world." Then came Elder Frank Armes, and his text was, "Why call me Lord, and do not what I say?" Then Elder B. W. Craft closed. The above brethren were wonderfully blessed with the spirit of preaching, and we hope much good will be done in the name of God and His dear Son.

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## OBITUARIES

### FAIR ALLEN

Brother Fair Allen was born March 19, 1902 and died Jan. 21, 1937. He was united in matrimony to Dellie Whitaker and to this union were born eight children, three of whom preceded him in death in infancy. A few days before he had to go he requested Bro. Alex Stephens to come and preach for him, and later was converted.

Written by

J. S. HALE.

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### THOMAS NELSON

Bro. Thomas Nelson was born in 1864, died April 29, 1936. He joined the United Baptist church

and was a faithful member. He lost his sight and had to be led by some one but, like Job, never lost his salvation.

Written by

HIS DAUGHTER

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**ELL WRIGHT**

Bro. Ell Wright, born Sept. 19, 1881, died July 16, 1937, aged 56 years, 9 months and 28 days. He joined the church 20 years ago, and was faithful to his brothers and sisters and was faithful to the cause of his dear Lord.

Written by

ELDER A. J. WRIGHT

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**ELIGE PRATER**

My dear father, Elige Prater, was born Feb. 19, 1858, and died July 17, 1935. He never joined the church, but told us children, a few days before he had to go, not to grieve after him.

Written by his daughter,

LILLIE SHEPHERD

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**BILL ENGLAND**

Bill England was born December 11, 1867; died October 24, 1936, aged 68 years, 9 months and 24 days.

He reared nine children and lived to see them with homes of their own, and he was the first that had to go.

Oh, we know there is a vacant place in our home that cannot be filled by father again.

Written by his youngest son,

BROOKS

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**LULIA M. HOLBROOK**  
**BEATRICE HOLBROOK**

Our babies have gone from us. Lulia M. Holbrook, born May 18, 1934, died June 26, 1934, aged 1 month and eight days. Beatrice Holbrook, born Oct. 15, 1935, died Oct. 6, 1936, aged 11 months and 22 days. Funeral was preached by Rev. Alex Stephens on the third Sunday in August, 1937.

**SOLLIE HOLBROOK**  
**ZELLIE HOLBROOK**

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**LAUDIE B. ALLEN**  
**RUBY GERLENE DAVIS**

Laudie B. Allen was born April 27, 1933, died April 28, 1937. Ruby Gerlene Davis, born January 16, died June 28, 1937, aged five months and 16 days. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Written by grandma

AMANDA DAVIS

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**EMY OUSLEY NAPIER**

Emy Ousley Napier was born Dec. 23, 1910, died Jan. 22, 1937. She was married to C. B. Napier and to this union were born four children, three boys and one girl. All are living. She leaves many friends to mourn her loss, and nine brothers and sisters. One sister, Ocie Laferty, preceded her in death. She was taken to the Paintsville hospital and all

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF NEW HOPE ASS

NAME OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES
Sugar Loaf .....	Elder Lon Childers, Elder A. J. Wh Bro. Jim McSearlie .....
Little Union .....	Elder T. J. Smith, Bro. B. W. Bent Bro. Jim Childers.....
New Hope .....	Elder B. W. Craft, Elder W. M. H Elder Alex Stephens.....
East Point.....	Elder S. J. Johnson, Elder John D. Bro. G. W. Price.....
Chestnut Groves.....	Bro. Tommie Prater, Bro. Milt Hol Bro. Wash Miller.....
Little Rock .....	Bro. Wash Holbrook, Bro. A. G. Ho Bro. Jim Short.....
Prestonsburg .....	Bro. Newt Shepherd, Bro. Roe G Elder A. J. Stephens.....
Total .....	

# ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTIST, 1937

	By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	
Wright,	1	1			3	2	78	
Atley,	7		1		1		36	1st Sat. in each mo.
Hall,	1	9	1		1		79	1st Sat. in each mo.
. Music,							34	2nd Sat. in each mo.
olbrook,			1			3	134	4th Sat. in each mo.
olbrook,							83	2nd Sat. in each mo.
en,	7	5				3	110	4th Sat. in each mo.
	16	15	3		5	8	555	



skill failed to give relief. She was patient in all her sickness and told her husband and others, sometime before she became ill, that she was at home. The dear Lord saved her soul.

Funeral by Rev. Alex Stephens and others.

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### LEANDER MILLER

My dear father, Leander Miller, died in full faith and left his earthly home on Nov. 17, 1936, to join the heavenly host. He is greatly missed by his children and friends and his brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Written by his son,

GERMAN MILLER

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### PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an Association, according to the following plan or form of government:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and duly sent to represent the Association, who shall be members whom they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches

shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in this union who shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church,

and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a mem-



ber till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every Association.

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### ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of



God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

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**Names of Ordained Ministers and Postoffices**

Elder B. W. Craft.....Weeter, Ky.

Elder Wm. Hall.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder T. J. Smith.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder R. D. Holbrook.....	Myrtle, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens.....	Dock, Ky.
Elder A. B. Dixon.....	Dock, Ky.
Elder Andy Stephens.....	Weeter, Ky.
Elder Lon Childers.....	Emma, Ky.
Elder A. J. Wright.....	Emma, Ky.
Elder Frank McGuire.....	Weeter, Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth.....	Middle Creek, Ky.
Elder F. F. Smith.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder John D. Music.....	East Point, Ky.
Elder Paris Music.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder W. K. Bays.....	Brainard, Ky.

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